

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4546, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BEREUTER OF NEBRASKA**

At the end of subtitle D of title V (page 125, after line 9), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 533. PREPARATION FOR, PARTICIPATION IN, AND CON-**
2 **DUCT OF ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS BY THE**
3 **NATIONAL GUARD AND MEMBERS OF THE NA-**
4 **TIONAL GUARD.**

5 (a) ATHLETIC AND SMALL ARMS COMPETITIONS.—
6 Section 504 of title 32, United States Code, is amended
7 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(c) CONDUCT OF AND PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN
9 COMPETITIONS.—(1) Under regulations prescribed by the
10 Secretary of Defense, members and units of the National
11 Guard may conduct and compete in a qualifying athletic
12 competition or a small arms competition so long as—

13 “(A) the conduct of, or participation in, the
14 competition does not adversely affect the quality of
15 training or otherwise interfere with the ability of a
16 member or unit of the National Guard to perform
17 the military functions of the member or unit;

18 “(B) National Guard personnel will enhance
19 their military skills as a result of conducting or par-
20 ticipating in the competition; and



1 “(C) the conduct of or participation in the com-
2 petition will not result in a significant increase in
3 National Guard costs.

4 “(2) Facilities and equipment of the National Guard,
5 including military property and vehicles described in sec-
6 tion 508(c) of this title, may be used in connection with
7 the conduct of or participation in a qualifying athletic
8 competition or a small arms competition under paragraph
9 (1).”.

10 (b) OTHER MATTERS.—Such section is further
11 amended by adding after subsection (c), as added by sub-
12 section (a) of this section, the following new subsections:

13 “(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—(1) Subject to para-
14 graph (2) and such limitations as may be enacted in ap-
15 propriations Acts and such regulations as the Secretary
16 of Defense may prescribe, amounts appropriated for the
17 National Guard may be used to cover—

18 “(A) the costs of conducting or participating in
19 a qualifying athletic competition or a small arms
20 competition under subsection (c); and

21 “(B) the expenses of members of the National
22 Guard under subsection (a)(3), including expenses of
23 attendance and participation fees, travel, per diem,
24 clothing, equipment, and related expenses.



1 “(2) Not more than \$2,500,000 may be obligated or
2 expended in any fiscal year under subsection (c).

3 “(e) QUALIFYING ATHLETIC COMPETITION DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘qualifying athletic com-
5 petition’ means a competition in athletic events that re-
6 quire skills relevant to military duties or involve aspects
7 of physical fitness that are evaluated by the armed forces
8 in determining whether a member of the National Guard
9 is fit for military duty.”.

10 (c) STYLISTIC AMENDMENTS.—Such section is fur-
11 ther amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “AUTHOR-
13 IZED ACTIVITIES.—” after “(a)”; and

14 (2) in subsection (b), by inserting “AUTHOR-
15 IZED LOCATIONS.—” after “(b)”.

16 (d) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

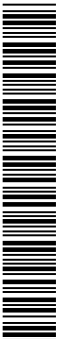
17 (1) Subsection (a) of such section is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and” after
19 the semicolon;

20 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or” and in-
21 serting a period; and

22 (C) by striking paragraph (3).

23 (2) The heading of such section is amended to read
24 as follows:



1 **“§ 504. National Guard schools; small arms competi-**
2 **tions; athletic competitions”.**

3 (3) The item relating to section 504 in the table of
4 sections at the beginning of chapter 5 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“504. National Guard schools; small arms competitions; athletic competitions.”.

